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House Committee Hearing Personnel, my name is Doristene Haynes and I am the mother of an adult daughter that struggled with mental health challenges. I was fortunate to have insurance that covered most of her treatments. My concern is for the families and children that do not have that coverage. Mental illness is a disease that is treatable, much like physical illnesses.

I am asking you to support Mental Health Parity in addition to supporting coverage for children with Autism by including a Mental Health Parity bill with SB 414, 415, and 981. Our children deserve the opportunity to receive Mental Health Parity.

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